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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, June 28, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00226

Ex Parte: Establishment of a  
Performance Assurance Plan  
for Verizon Virginia Inc.

FIFTH PRELIMINARY ORDER

On April 17, 2002, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued a Fourth Preliminary Order granting all parties leave to file comments and/or requests for hearing on the Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") Performance Assurance Plan ("VA PAP") filed April 9, 2002. The parties were also requested to address the effective date of the VA PAP.

Verizon Virginia indicated in its comments<sup>1</sup> that it would not oppose the VA PAP becoming effective on the first day of the first calendar month after the Federal Communications Commission approves Verizon Virginia's application to enter the long distance market in Virginia.

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<sup>1</sup> Comments filed April 26, 2002, and Reply Comments filed May 8, 2002.

**Effective April 9, 2002, the new Case Management System requires that the case number format for all Commission orders change from, e.g., PUE010663 to the following: PUE-2001-00663.**

On June 28, 2002, Verizon Virginia filed a letter dated June 27, 2002, which amends its comments to no longer oppose this Commission setting a specific effective date for the VA PAP. Verizon Virginia now indicates by this amendment to its comments that it is willing to accept the VA PAP becoming effective on October 1, 2002.

The Commission now finds that all parties should have an opportunity to file additional comments no later than July 10, 2002, on the VA PAP becoming effective October 1, 2002.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) All parties are granted leave to file additional comments as noted above on or before July 10, 2002.

(2) This case is now continued.